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To: Parents, Providers, System Points of Entry and Local Planning and Coordinating Councils

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Re: Best Practice Guidelines for Early Intervention

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A Best Practice Document is "under construction" that will serve as guiding principles for early intervention services in Indiana. It is the vision of the Bureau that through the convening of peer groups and the review of clinical research that the Division will develop guidelines and expectations that will be used as the basis for the following:

- Individual EI provider service delivery
- IFSP Team planning
- Service plan review
- Provider training
- Parent education

Recommendations in the document will be developed and endorsed by experts in early intervention, be grounded in child development theory, and include early childhood learning techniques. Once a draft document is completed, it will be posted for your review and comments.